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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S.-MEXICO AIR TRANSPORT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. U.S. DEL GAVE INITIAL INFORMAL REACTION TO MEX PROPOSAL IN REFTEL AT SHORT SESSION THIS A.M. EXPLAINING THAT PROPOSAL REQUIRED FURTHER ANALYSIS BEFORE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE FIRM COUNTERPROPOSAL. INITIALLY MEX PROPOSAL APPEARED SIGNIFICANTLY IMBALANCED IN THAT:

A. 45 NEW EXCLUSIVE NON-STOP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WERE PROPOSED FOR MEX CARRIERS WHILE ONLY 28 NEW EXCLUSIVE NON-STOP OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO U.S.

B. SIX NEW POINTS, NOT NOW SERVED, WOULD BE OPENED TO MEXICAN CARRIERS OF WHICH ATLANTA, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU WERE OBVIOUSLY MAJOR POINTS. ONLY TWO NEW POINTS, BOTH DEVELOPMENTAL, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO U.S.

C. MEX PROPOSAL WOULD GIVE U.S. ACCESS TO ONLY ONE EXCLUSIVE NON-STOP POINT TO POINT SERVICE NOW PROVIDED EXCLUSIVELY BY MEXICO (LAX - GDL), WHILE MEXICO SEEKS ACCESS TO FOUR SUCH PAIRS OF POINTS NOW OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY

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BY U.S. CARRIERS.

D. U.S. FOUND FOOTNOTE REGARDING REQUIRMENT TO IMPLEMENT NEW ROUTE CONFIRMATIONS WITHIN SIX MONTHS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT FROM PRACTICAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND WOULD RATHER BE SUGGESTING AGREED DELAYS ON SOME POINTS WHERE MEXICAN CARRIERS MIGHT BE GETTING ACCESS TO NEW U.S. POINTS.

2. MEXDEL CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO REVIEW MEX PROPOSAL CAREFULLY BUT THAT IT REFLECTED COMPROMISES WORKED OUT WITH DIFFICULTY BY HIS SIDE. HE CALLED ON TOURISM DEPT. REP. TO EXPLAIN FOOTNOTE ON IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENT AND WHEN LATTER ATTEMPTED TO HAVE TOURISM COUNCIL REP. (GUAJARDO) REPLY, MEXDEL CHAIRMAN REFUSED ON GROUNDS TOURISM DEPT. WAS GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR TOURISM INTERESTS.
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